

Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens and organizations for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, these honorees are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award at this annual banquet.

The Asian American Medical Association has always been a great asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have selflessly dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Northwest Indiana and have always demonstrated exemplary service through their many cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Asian American Medical Association will present the Crystal Globe Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, Dr. Ilwoong Chang, M.D. For his outstanding contributions to his community, he is to be commended.

In 1966, Dr. Chang graduated from medical school at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. He then completed his internship at Yonsei University, during which time he participated in medical missions in rural areas of South Korea. Dr. Chang was a Naval Medical Officer from 1967 to 1970, during which time he served in Vietnam. He completed his residency at Wayne State University Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, in 1974, and in 1976, he went on to complete his Gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Doctor has dedicated much of his life to medical education and currently serves as Clinical Associate Professor in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology at the Indiana University Northwest Center for Medical Education in Gary, Indiana. Dr. Chang also operates his private practice in Munster, Indiana, specializing in Gastroenterology.

Dr. Chang's remarkable résumé includes many prestigious positions in the field of medicine. He has served as Chairman of Medicine at Community Hospital in Munster and President of Medical Staff, as well as Chairman of Quality Coordination Control at Saint Catherine Hospital in East Chicago. Doctor is also a member of many medical societies, including: the American Medical Association, the American Gastroenterology Association, and the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. In addition, he is a delegate of the Indiana State Medical Association, a member of the Insurance Committee of the Indiana State Medical Association, and Chairman of the Board of the Lake County Medical Society of Indiana. For his exceptional dedication to organizations that have a tremendous positive impact within the medical community and to the people of Northwest Indiana, Dr. Chang is worthy of the highest praise.

Dr. Chang's dedication to medicine and the community of Northwest Indiana is exceeded only by his devotion to his wonderful family. He has been married to his loving wife, Young Zin Chang, for 42 years. They have three amazing children: Gene, Elizabeth and David, and six beloved grandchildren.

Doctor is committed to his family, to improving the lives of the patients he serves, and working selflessly to enhance the quality of life of all those who live in Northwest Indiana. It is an honor to call him a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending the members of the Asian American Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Dr. Ilwoong

Chang, for their outstanding contributions to the medical field, as well as to their communities and beyond. Their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the United States is truly inspirational, and I am proud to serve as their representative in Washington, DC.

TRIBUTE TO COLVIN W. GRANNUM

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Colvin Grannum, for his commitment to developing his community.

Born and raised in Bedford Stuyvesant, Mr. Grannum graduated from Erasmus Hall High School. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He serves as a member of the board of directors of the New York City Workforce Investment Board, Center for New York City Neighborhoods (CNYCN), Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Bedford Stuyvesant Early Childhood Development Center, Inc., and Head Start Sponsoring Boards Council.

He has served on advisory boards of JP Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs New Markets Fund, Fannie Mae, HSBC Bank, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Pratt Center for Community Development, just to name a few. He also served as a trustee of the Brunswick School, in Greenwich, Connecticut. Mayor Bloomberg appointed Mr. Grannum to serve on the Mayor's Commission for Economic Opportunity, and former Governor Spitzer appointed him to the then Governor-elect's Housing Policy Transition Team.

Mr. Grannum practiced law for over 17 years primarily as a litigation attorney before embarking on his career in community development. He has been employed by the United States Department of Justice, the New York State Attorney General, the NYNEX Corporation, and the New York City Corporation Counsel, respectively, where he held a variety of senior level positions and was responsible for handling and supervising litigation, including trials, appeals, and regulatory proceedings.

Colvin Grannum has served as president of Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation (Restoration) since March 2001. Under Mr. Grannum's leadership, Restoration is experiencing a robust resurgence. Restoration provides services and programs in the areas of arts and education, including Bedford Stuyvesant Head Start, the Restoration Information Technology Education (RITE) Center, the Youth Arts Academy and the Restoration Dance Theater, and economic development, including the Restoration Capital Fund.

Prior to joining Restoration, Mr. Grannum served as a founding director and the chief executive officer of Bridge Street Development Corporation (BSDC), a faith-based not-for-profit community development corporation affiliated with Bridge Street African Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Colvin Grannum for his outstanding accomplishments and dedication to his community.

CONGRATULATING ASHLEY JOHNSON FOR STUDIES IN THE CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ashley Johnson, a constituent of mine from Coppell, Texas, on studying the Mandarin Chinese language in Beijing, China, under the Critical Language Scholarship Program.

The Critical Language Scholarship program was established in 2006 as part of the National Security Language Initiative. This interagency effort was formed with recognition of the need for our future diplomatic and intelligence personnel to learn languages such as Arabic, Farsi, Urdu, and Chinese. It provides an intensive regimen of study at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels for both undergraduate and graduate students. The program goes beyond just language and provides cultural experiences by immersion in the host country.

I was proud when the U.S. State Department informed me that one of my constituents, Ashley Johnson, had successfully participated in the Critical Language Scholarship Program this past summer. Acceptance is highly competitive, and so I commend her studying Intermediate Chinese in Beijing. Johnson's success is a testament to dedication, skill, and hard work; and I look forward to her accomplishing great things in any endeavor that she pursues in life.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Ashley Johnson for her studies in the Critical Language Scholarship Program.

IN HONOR OF JIM COCHRAN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge California native and long-time Santa Cruz County resident, Jim Cochran, who established Swanton Berry Farm 29 years ago in Davenport, California. Since its establishment, Swanton Berry Farm has become the first modern organic strawberry farm in California, utilizing standards and methods that have become a model for organic and sustainable farming.

Jim has displayed an incredible commitment to social justice. He has created a safe and friendly work environment that provides living wages, a medical plan, a retirement plan, and vacation and holiday pay for agricultural workers. Additionally, employees of Swanton Berry Farm are provided with access to low-cost housing options, which more than 75% of Swanton Berry Farm employees take advantage of. Because of this commitment, Swanton Berry Farm has become the first organic strawberry farm in the United States to be unionized by the United Farm Workers of America.